



Fintona Girls' School students Sara, Venus and Ellen are looking forward to the NASA space camp. Picture: TONY GOUGH

SCHOOL CAMP IS ONE GIANT LEAP

SCHOOL camp has never been so far out of this world.

More than 50 girls from 10 schools across Melbourne are heading to NASA in the United States for space camp.

The two-week odyssey has been dubbed "youth astronaut training" — the girls will land a rover on Mars, do space simulations, go scuba diving, build rockets and meet an astronaut.

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Fintona Girls' School student Sara, 15, said it was one camp her school friends were jealous not to go on.

"They think it will be really cool," she said.

The program will involve 265 teens from the Alliance of Girls Schools across Australia and has been designed to encourage girls

towards science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

Sara said women could forge successful careers in STEM but "a lot of girls don't see that".

"I think it will open up the options," she said.

"It will be a new experience.

"We'll take it one step at a time."